the linguistic minorities. The Government of India has been urging the State Governments to make full arrangements in accordance with this policy and it is being largely followed.

Delivery of Mirage 2000 Aircraft from France

890. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delivery of supersonic Mirage-2000 aircraft from France has started;

(b) the number of such aircraft to be received under the terms of the contract effected between India and France in 1983; and

(c) the number of such aircraft which have already arrived?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement for purchase of 40 Mirage-2000 aircraft was concluded in 1982 between the Government of India and the French Manufacturers.

(c) Seven.

Recommendation by the Indian Council of Medical Research to Inject Sodium Thiosulphate to Bhopal Gas victims

891. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research had recommended injecting Sodium Thiosulphate to the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) if so, when this was recommended;

(c) whether these recommendations were accepted by Government;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) the total number of injections (with monthly break-up) given till 30th June, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was recommended following a meeting of the Working Group on Thiosulphate Therepy in MIC exposed population held on 14th February, 1985.

(c) and (d) These recommendations were accepted by Government soon after.

(e) The total number of injections given till 30th June, 1985 was 19,115 (Nineteen Thousand, One Hundred and Fifteen). The month-wise break up is not available.

Progress in the Advancement of Women

892. SHRIMATI USHA MOLHOTRA:
SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have assessed the progress achieved in the advancement of women during the International Decade for Women;

(b) if the goals targeted have not been achieved, whether Government have identified the obstacles which have prevented this achievement; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remove these obstacles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI) MARAGATHAM CHANDRSEKHAR: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In their report submitted to the Planning Commission the Working Group on Women and Development of this Ministry have recommended targets and strategies for the 7th Plan

to overcome some of the obstacles, which have prevented the advancement of women. For this purpose the Ministry is also having a dialogue with other related Ministries and voluntary agencies for taking action to overcome the obstacles.

Reintroduction of Passenger Train

893. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has received any representation regarding the reintroduction of passenger train No. 191 from Tirupati to Villeepuram; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir, only representations regarding extension of 191 Katpadi-Pakala passenger to Tirupati have been received.

(b) Katpadi and Tirupati are already connected by 3 pairs of passenger and one pair of Express trains which are considered adequate.

Train No. 642

894. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Railway Board from a section of the public for speeding up of Train No. 642 running between Katpaudi and Thirupathy; and

(b) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This has been examined and not found operationally feasible.

Consultations on the Report of the Committee on Problems of Ex-Servicemen

895. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Empowered Committee constituted by the Ministry of Defence has completed the task of inter-Ministry consultations on the recommendations of the high-level committee on the problems of ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to make the recommendation of the Committee public and to implement them in full?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the Report of the High Level Committee have already been laid on the Table of the House. Priced copies are also on sale.

The Report contained in all 68 recommendations. Out of them, 39 recommendations have already been accepted and their implementation is in hand. The remaining are under examination and their implementation will be considered as soon as final decisions are taken.

Supply of Mirage 2000 to the Indian Air Force

896. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which appeared in the Hindu of June 30, 1985 under the caption "Mirage Joins IAF";

(b) if so, what is the number of such planes already with the I.A.F. and how many more are likely to be supplied to the I.A.F. and in what duration; and